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SUBJ: PETROLEUM: PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS MINISTRY SELECTS

BIDDERS FOR DEEP OFF-SHORE ANGOLA PETROLEUM CONCESSION

1. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL AMERICAN PETROLEUM COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES IN LISBON, THE GOP OVERSEAS MINISTRY HAS SELECTED BIDDERS FOR FINAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR DEEP OFF-SHORE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION CONCESSIONS IN ANGOLA. FOUR CONCESSION AREAS WILL BE AWARDED UPON NEGOTIATION OF FINAL CONTRACTS AS FOLLOWS: 1) GULF WILL BE OFFERED CABINDA DEEP OFF-SHORE; 2) ESSO WILL NEGOTIATE FOR BLOCK IN NORTHERNMOST AREA UP TO ZAIRE BORDER; 3) TWO GROUPS, TOTAL/SHELL AND TEXACO/ANGOL, WILL COMPETE FOR OR SHARE BLOCK THREE JUST SOUTH OF ESSO AREA; AND 4) BEAR & KISTLER GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES BEAR & KISTLER, AMERICAN PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL, WESTATES PETROLEUM CO. AND GLOBAL MARINE DRILLING CO., HAS BEEN OFFERED THE SOUTHERNMOST AREA. THE OVERSEAS MINISTRY WANTS TO COMPLETE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS BY JANUARY 31, 1974.

2. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION AMCONGENERAL LUANDA CAN PICK UP ON THIS LATEST ROUND OF CONCESSION NEGOTIATIONS.

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